

Meeting Minutes May 10, 2011

Attendees: Bill Harclerode, Alan Ford, Sandy Stiger, Chuck LaTournous, Don Church, Steve Hurford, Brett Bragin Chuck Neary absent.

Our notice as published in Hunterdon County Democrat and Express Times satisfies the requirements of the open public meeting Act and is also posted on the Township web site and copy is filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call by Secretary

Approval Minutes for April Meeting by Chuck LaTournous seconded by Sandy Stiger
No discussion

Old Business

SB Water Shed Cleanup took place on Saturday, April 16th on Rte173 (Chuck La Tournous attended) near fish and wildlife, approximately 30 volunteers including Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts along with the Mayor and Michelle McBride. Many bags cleaned up and the kid's reaction to all the garbage was remarkable.

Well testing on June 15th to accept test kits; questions will be addressed by the SB folks. Sandy will send clerk email to verify date. The clerk was concerned with the questions that were asked and that she could not answer them. There should be a notice on the kit that advises the person to call the South Branch with any questions. Don will assist Sandy if necessary. Program will be on Web Site
Sandy recommended that a UTEC Rep. sit at recycling on Saturdays to advertise for the well testing program. Well testing should also be posted in the Hunterdon Democrat.

Public education event - Rain gardens and stink bugs will be topics and we need to get speakers possibly from the water supply authority. Chuck will follow up with an expert from Rutgers on stink bugs.

Brett Bragin advised that Hunterdon County has an etymologist who may be able to come and speak. Other topic of fertilizers brought up by Bill H but not on list.

Chuck Neary will follow up with invasive species.

Williams gas will be installing 6.8 miles of 42" pipe "Stanton Loop" which is adjacent to the existing pipeline.

New Business

Welcome Brett Bragin as new member on the UTEC board.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Sub committee reports

Open Space - nothing new to report by Sandy Stiger.

Trails Committee

Don spoke with Michelle and got copy of the materials on the Milligan Farm trails. Need to figure out how to get access to the 2 barns owned by Union Township. Trail head parking will allow access to the trails.

Finn Rd markers are up and will be place at ¼ mile intervals but we need to verify that all of the markers are in place.

Planning Board - Alan

Workshop on renewable energy ordinance - no comments

Need to get final ordinance in place ASAP

Kingwood was first with ordinance on renewable energy

Green Cycle (Plushansky) shale pit for concrete and building materials, hearing on May 19th

Bill read letter from the Mayor (Bischoff) to the county on concerns of the use of the quarry.

Smith Brothers recycling does not count to the Township recycling program but counts for the county. Smith Brothers is also going to single source stream.

Traffic around exit 12 letter from the Mayor to NJDOT requesting signal changes and other to county asking for their assistance for limits on traffic on Charlestown road heavy trucks (over weight trucks)

Pilot has made application to remove on the anti-idling as a condition for the site as it was deemed complete. They do not have any plan to eliminate truck idling on site

Shell station has made application for convenience store and they were sent to the planning board as they need to close the northern driveway. Need new traffic study for the more vehicles coming to the site. The owners have agreed to upgrade the septic system as required. They need to produce a traffic study to show the impact of the increased traffic on the surrounding community.

Road noise State Police will purchase 10 sound meters and operate at weigh stations letters to go out to municipalities to get support for increased enforcement.

Communication/education - Chuck LaT reports that the spring newsletter is not quite ready Chuck La T will send out ahead of next meeting for review. Have plenty of content just needs to produce the document.

Website upgrades no new news proposal to Pat Dziubek to encompass entire township website

Facebook site needs 5 more likes for friendly URL Stalled at 20

Sidney Brook still does not have new permit. Sits at the fish and wildlife office now too late to plant this year..... Extend the project for another year for the riparian planting...

Highlands committee no action

Sustainable NJ Chuck LaT trying for silver certification with different projects need broader categories need 9 categories and we have 6....school programs, easement database, try for 2012 for attaining Silver certification.

Environmental easement education - no news as Chuck Neary not present; Bill will get update from Chuck La T.

No hearing from citizens as none present.

Motion to adjourn Steve Hurford, seconded Chuck LaT